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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF AMERICAN-OWNED HOVERCRAFT AT VALENCIA

REF: STATE 204986, 203332, 202840; MADRID 6274

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED NOTE TO MFA AUGUST 18 REQUESTING THAT HOVERCRAFT NOT BE RELEASED BY SPANISH FOR PERIOD OF UP TO FOURTEEN DAYS. (THIS WAS TIME REQUESTED OF US BY HOVERMARINE REQ ZEBEDEE. STATE 204986 INSTRUCTING US TO REQUEST 5-DAY DELAY ARRIVED ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER WE DELIVERED NOTE AT 1300 LOCAL TIME.) AFTER READING OUR NOTE MFA OFFICIAL ASKED DIRECTORY GENERAL OF NAVIGATION--WHICH AGREED--TO INSTRUCT OFFICE OF THE COMANDANTE DE MARINA IN VALENCIA TO ACT IN ACCORD WITH US REQUEST. OUR CONSULAR AGENT IN VALENCIA HAD EARLIER NOTIFIED COMANDNATE DE MARINA THERE THAT WE WOULD BE TAKING THIS ACTION AND HE HAD AGREED TO DELAY TURNING SHIP OVER TO TAG FRANCE UNTIL HE HAD HEARD FURTHER FROM HIS SUPERIORS. MFA HAS PROMISED TO ADVISE US OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS, BUT AS OF NOW HOVERMARINE CORPORATION SHOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE AND PRESENT CASE.  
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